



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Mitsukuni Sakashita

Serial No.: 10/581,306

Group Art Unit: 1791

Filed: June 1, 2006

Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING GLASS BASE MATERIAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Concurrently with the RCE filed herewith and prior to further prosecution on the merits, in response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. No new matter is added.

Remarks begin at page 4 of this paper.